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SUBJ: FON MIN DECLARES ON TRADE ACT

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1. CATHOLIC MORNING DAILY PRESENCIA JANUARY 16 CARRIES MID-PAGE HEADLINE "BOLIVIA ALSO TURNS DOWN U.S. COMMERCIAL LAW." STORY REPORTS FONMIN GUZMAN CAREFUL STATEMENT EXPRESSING NEED FOR LA SOLIDARITY WITH COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY EXCLUSION IN U.S. TRADE ACT. GUZMAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT OFFICIALLY SEEN TEXT OF LAW, INFORMATION HE HAS INDICATES IT "CONTAINS DISCRIMINATION THAT WILL MAKE DIFFICULT DEVELOPMENT OF (SOME) COUNTRIES IN HEMISPHERE." HE ALSO MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO LAW'S POSSIBLE EFFECT ON PRODUCERS OF NON-PETROLEUM RAW MATERIALS. HE INDICATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR STUDY OF LAW BY OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL.

2. EL DIARIO JAN. 16 CARRIES SIMILAR STORY ON INNER PAGE. PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE MODERATELY HIGH TREATMENT TRADE ACT. CONTROVERSY WITH ACCENT ON NEGATIVE LA REACTION.

3. COMMENT: SINCE DIRECT BENEFIT TRADE ACT NO CLEAR,
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STRONGEST FORCE MOVING BOLIVIANS ON THIS ISSUE IS CALL

FOR LA UNITY BY OTHER ANDEAN PACT MEMBERS. EMBASSY HAS
SENT GUZMAN'S AIDES WASHINGTON-GENERATED MATERIAL ON
ACT AS IT ARRIVES.
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